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Subject: Payments Received Under the AmeriCorps Program Excluded As Income in Making Eligibility Determinations for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS (Child Nutrition Programs) - Colorado ED, Colorado DPHE, Colorado HS, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED, Missouri DH, Montana OPI, Montana DPHHS, Nebraska ED, Nebraska SS, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming ED, Wyoming DHSS

Payments received under the Federal government's AmeriCorps program by any members of households applying for free and reduced price meal benefits, or for free milk, are excluded from consideration as income by legislative prohibition. These payments are classed with the payments that are excluded income which are listed in the response to question 2, page 35, of the Eligibility Guidance for School Meals Manual, FCS program aid FNS-274, August 1991 edition.

The AmeriCorps program is listed as part of Title I of the National and Community Service Act (NCSA) of 1990, as amended by the NCSA of 1993. The income exclusion applies to projects conducted under Title I of the NCSA when those projects are conducted as if they were conducted under the Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA).

Title I of the NCSA includes three Acts: (1) Serve-American: The Community Service, Schools and Service-Learning Act of 1990, (2) the American Conservation and Youth Service Corps Act of 1990, and (3) the National Service and Community Service Act. There are about 47 different NCSA programs, and they vary by State. Most of the payments are made as a weekly stipend or for educational assistance. The Higher Education Service-Learning program and the AmeriCorps umbrella program come under NCSA Title I. The National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a federally managed AmeriCorps program.

Please call our office if you have any questions.

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